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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTING
TUMOURS EXPRESSING HLA-G
WHICH ARE SENSITIVE TO
ANTICANCER TREATMENT, AND
USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Amended) A method for establishing the HLA-G expression profile of a solid tumour with a view to selecting a treatment which is suited to said tumour or with a view to monitoring the evolution of said tumour, comprising:

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- (i) removing a tumour sample,
- (ii) preparing a histological section from said tumour sample,
- (iii) labeling the tumour cells of the tumour sample obtained in (ii) with antibodies specific for HLA-G membrane-bound and soluble isoforms, and